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Michigan Law Enforcement Memorial Design Sought

Michigan architects, engineers, artists and students are invited to submit designs for a memorial to celebrate and honor the lives of law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty, according to an announcement on the DMB website: Deadline for monument design entries is noon **Dec. 14**, and the winner will be announced Feb. 8, 2007. Construction of the memorial is expected to begin later in 2007. For about 20 years, a memorial service has been held on the steps of the Capitol during National Police Week each May. Design competition participants must be Michigan residents, complete a registration form, and submit a \$25 entry fee. One of the design standards requires the designer to include the names of all the deceased officers with space for future names. The design competition booklet, which contains the registration and entry form, can be found at the monument Web site: www.mleom.org. Questions may be addressed to Vivian Grinnell, DMB, Stevens T. Mason Building, 530 W. Allegan St., Lansing, MI 48933. She can also be reached at: grinnellv@michigan.gov

PROPOSED SITE: *The Michigan Law Enforcement Memorial Monument will be built on this site near the Michigan Hall of Justice, south of the Vietnam Veterans Monument, to honor 530 Michigan officers who died while serving the state. The site was dedicated on Oct. 18, 2006.*

HOME HEATING

With the daylight hours getting shorter and temperatures dropping I know that higher home heating costs are of concern to everyone.

Some homeowners will spend to save - replacing the heating system, upgrading windows or adding insulation to attics or walls to make their homes more energy efficient. New federal tax credits for certain home energy improvements installed in 2006 and 2007 will help make these projects more cost effective and affordable.

However, many families aren't to accommodate big out-of-pocket expenses. Fortunately, homeowners can still save energy and money by making a few changes. To help get the most from your home heating dollars, keep these tips in mind:

- Stay comfortable but dial down. Each degree below 72 F reduces heating use by 2 to 3 percent
- Caulk and weather-strip around windows and doors to reduce air leaks and save up to 10 percent on the energy bill
- Check heating ducts for air leaks
- Close vents and doors in unused rooms
- Install storm windows or fasten clear plastic over single-pane windows to stop drafts and retain heat
- Clean or change furnace filters once a month

If high energy costs swamp the family budget leaving you unable to pay your energy bill on time, contact your utility company as soon as possible. Do not wait for a shut-off notice. Seniors and low-income households may qualify for home heating help through a number of state, community and private programs. For information on energy assistance and more home heating tips, please feel free to contact my office or you can also download the Energy Savers guide at www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/.

REMEMBERING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES

On November 11 we remembered with gratitude the veterans who answered our nation's call to duty continuing the pursuit of peace and freedom at home and around the world. It is an honor to join with the rest of the nation in saying thank you for your service.

I hope that you all received the E- Hardiman Herald Special Veterans Edition for information on legislation that may be of interest to our veterans.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

It is my hope that you will all be able to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. I am grateful to be able to spend the holiday with my family and am thankful not just on thanksgiving but everyday for the blessings in my life.

I wish you a very happy Thanksgiving and safe travels over the holiday.

SENATOR HARDIMAN DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

Senator Hardiman will be holding monthly district office hours the first Monday of each month from 10:00am - 11:30am throughout the 29th district. Be sure to talk to the Senator at these upcoming office hours:

- Monday, December 4, 2006, Mr. Burger, 2101 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504
- Monday, January 8, 2007, Lowell YMCA, 1335 Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331

Senator Hardiman will hold this time each month so constituents of the 29th district have an opportunity to speak to him about any questions or concerns they may have regarding state issues. You can also contact Senator Hardiman via his toll-free number: 1-866-305-2129 or visit Senator Hardiman's homepage to set-up a meeting outside of the district hours,

www.senate.michigan.gov/hardiman

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Hardiman Herald is designed to provide residents and organizations with a timely update of Senator Bill Hardiman's activity in Lansing. If you have any questions, please contact Senator Hardiman's office.

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